

ANZAC DAY AMENDMENT BILL (NO. 2) 2015

Receipt and First Reading

Bill received from the Assembly; and, on motion by **Hon Michael Mischin (Attorney General)**, read a first time.

Second Reading

HON MICHAEL MISCHIN (North Metropolitan — Attorney General) [5.10 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a second time.

I am pleased to introduce the Anzac Day Amendment Bill (No. 2) 2015, which ensures that the Anzac Day Act 1960 is amended to meet the current day needs of Western Australian veterans and ex-service personnel. The Anzac Day Trust, constituted under the act, provides funds to the benefit of ex-service personnel and their families. Contributions to the Anzac Day Trust are required when a sporting or racing event takes place on Anzac Day. The current act requires a contribution of 60 per cent of net proceeds, which is quite onerous and probably inadvertently serves as a deterrent to the staging of such events.

The bill outlines a new formula for calculating contributions to the trust: it is five per cent of the prescribed admission price, multiplied by the number of people in attendance at the event. The admission price is prescribed in regulations to account for the various terminologies used by different sporting codes to reflect a standard adult general admission ticket. The formula for contributing to the trust will apply uniformly to events that are held in either metropolitan or regional locations, but will now apply only to professional sporting or racing events with a minimum attendance of 5 000 people.

The bill also outlines an alternative mechanism for determining a contribution to the trust. An organisation may write to the minister no less than 30 days before Anzac Day with an alternative proposal for the minister's consideration. This provides for a degree of flexibility if differing or unforeseen circumstances occur in the future.

The requirement for organisations to make a contribution to the trust amounts to the imposition of taxation. Section 46(7) of the Constitution Acts Amendment Act 1899 requires a separate bill to impose the tax. Therefore, the provisions imposing this requirement are contained in this bill.

Pursuant to standing order 126(1), I advise that this bill is not a uniform legislation bill. It does not ratify or give effect to an intergovernmental or multilateral agreement to which the government of the state is a party; nor does this bill, by reason of its subject matter, introduce a uniform scheme or uniform laws throughout the commonwealth.

I commend the bill to the house and I table the explanatory memorandum.

[See paper 3868.]

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.